## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for executing a network service provided in a ~~public switched telephone~~ telecommunications network ~~(PSTN)~~, the method comprising:

receiving a message from a call processor at a voice extensible markup language (VXML) platform, the message comprising an announcement identification;

analyzing the announcement identification to determine a remote ~~customer~~ announcement location where an announcement corresponding to the announcement identification is stored; and

retrieving and playing the announcement from the remote announcement location,

wherein the announcement stored at the remote ~~customer~~ announcement location can be created or changed by a user without affecting the announcement identification.

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, in which the VXML platform comprises an intelligent peripheral (IP) component and a ~~voice interactive media server (VIMS)~~ VIMS component.

3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

receiving the announcement identification at the IP component;

encoding the announcement identification so that the IP component recognizes that the VIMS component will process the announcement identification; and

forwarding the announcement identification to the VIMS component.

4.  (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising, at the VIMS component, correlating the announcement identification to the announcement location.

5.  (Previously presented) The method of claim 4, in which the correlating is based upon a server location identification provided in a user profile.

6.  (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, in which the remote ~~announcement~~ <u>announcement</u> location comprises a web server.

7.  (Original) The method of claim 6, in which the web server is identified by a uniform resources locator (URL).

8. (Currently amended) A system for executing a network service provided in a ~~public switched telephone~~ <u>telecommunications</u> network ~~(PSTN)~~, the system comprising:

a voice extensible markup language (VXML) platform configured for receiving a message comprising an announcement identification, the VXML platform analyzing the announcement identification to determine a remote ~~customer~~ <u>announcement</u> location where an announcement corresponding to the announcement identification is stored, and then <u>retrieving and</u> playing the announcement,

wherein the announcement stored at the remote ~~customer~~ <u>announcement</u> location can be created or changed by a user without affecting the announcement identification.

9.  (Currently amended) The system of claim 8, in which the VXML platform comprises an intelligent peripheral (IP) component and a ~~voice interactive media server (VIMS)~~ <u>VIMS</u> component.

10. (Currently amended) The system of claim 9, in which the IP component receives the announcement identification and then forwards the announcement identification to the VIMS component,

the system further comprising a call processor in the ~~PSTN~~ telecommunications network configured to encode the announcement identification so that the IP component recognizes that the VIMS component will process the announcement identification.

11. (Original) The system of claim 10, in which the VIMS component correlates the announcement identification to the announcement location.

12. (Previously presented) The system of claim 11, in which the correlating is based upon a server location identification provided in a user profile.

13. (Currently amended) The system of claim 8, wherein the remote ~~customer~~ announcement location comprises a web server.

14. (Original) The system of claim 13, in which the web server is identified by a uniform resources locator (URL).

15. (Currently amended) A voice extensible markup language (VXML) platform for facilitating execution of a network service provided in a ~~public switched telephone~~ telecommunications network ~~(PSTN)~~, the platform comprising:

a receiver for receiving a message from a call processor, the message comprising an announcement identification;

an analyzer for determining a remote ~~customer~~ announcement location where an announcement corresponding to the announcement identification is stored, based on at least the announcement identification; and

an interface for playing the announcement <u>retrieved from the remote announcement location,</u>

wherein the announcement stored at the remote ~~customer~~ <u>announcement</u> location can be created or changed by a user without affecting the announcement identification.

16. (Currently amended)   The platform of claim 15, in which the receiver further comprises an intelligent peripheral (IP) component, and the analyzer and the interface further comprise a ~~voice interactive media server (VIMS)~~ <u>VIMS</u> component.

17. (Original)  The platform of claim 16, in which the IP component recognizes that the VIMS component will process the announcement identification based upon how the announcement identification has been encoded, and then forwards the announcement identification to the VIMS component.

18.  (Previously presented) The platform of claim 17, in which the VIMS component correlates the announcement identification to the announcement location based upon a server location identification provided in a user profile.

19. (Previously presented)   The platform of claim 15, in which the VXML platform communicates with the call processor using intelligent network application part (INAP) signaling.

20.  (Currently amended) The platform of claim 15, in which the <u>announcement location comprises a web server, and the</u> VXML platform communicates with ~~a~~ <u>the</u> web server ~~storing the announcement~~ in order to play the announcement.